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[REDACTED] of Kech employees were dismissed in late August and [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
[REDACTED]. The reduction in force was allegedly the result of the
[REDACTED] size of the compound and the decreased activities of the
(construction office). Those employees of this organization who had
[REDACTED] were assured of continued employment in the compound
for at least six months by Nikitin, chief of Kech, when some of the employees
who were not dismissed inquired whether a further reduction in force would

2. Construction work at the Soviet Embassy had been completed as of 10
September 1954, but both Grishin [REDACTED] the engineer of the Kech
Baubuero, and Nikitin still went to Unter den Linden frequently in
order to supervise some of the outside firms who were still working
there installing additional equipment.

3. The German chief of Kech, Richard Kupsch, was dismissed effective
15 September 1954. [REDACTED] He stated that he
would open a language school, together with the interpreter of HV 1,
Alfred Jaszyk.

4. Ekkehard Kupsch, son of Richard Kupsch, was laid off at the same time
and turned in his Propusk (pass).

5. Sophie Fuerch was in sole charge of the Kech Baubuero, since Fritz
Hoffmann, the SED secretary, received notice at the same time as
Kupsch. Rita Bandtke, the Kech Baubuero interpreter, was on leave
but was to return to her job on or about 15 September. She and Fuerch were
[REDACTED] work in the Kech Baubuero. Fuerch was not only
receiving all requests for work orders but handling the wage accounting
for the Baubuero. The bookkeeper of the Rashotny office, Armin
Kerpen, was assisting her to some extent.

6. The new headquarters of the Kech organization is located at Koenigswinter-
strasse 12, a three-story structure. The Rashotny Office is located
in the same building, and is manned by Armin Kerpen, who occupies
quarters in the rear of the building.

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7. Bezirk 1 of [redacted] was dissolved and all personnel were dismissed. Deutsch (former chief), was fired and went to work in a private firm. Some of the workers found employment with [redacted] organizations and others found work with [redacted] the motor pool, and other Soviet organizations.
8. As of 9 September 1954, the three HV offices and the [redacted] Hotel office were in the old locations and nothing had been [redacted] of an impending move.
9. A [redacted] procedure whereby all work orders have to be cleared through Kech headquarters before they are accepted at the Bauburo went into force on 1 September 1954. Heretofore, the work orders were called in by phone from individuals or offices concerned with the repair work.
10. The Kech Bauburo will stay in its present location between Grafenauer Weg and Wieselerstrasse.
11. [redacted] Ende and Walter Jurkat are the two new BGL officials in the organization. They have a new office consisting of one room in the Hotel on Koenigswinterstrasse (probably number 23).
12. Meta Rose, the former BGL chief, was dismissed and started to work in a private firm as a bookkeeper.
13. Nadia Miroshina was still working [redacted]

It appears to be the situation of 10 September 1954. [redacted] and its subsections, HV1, HV 2, HV 31, the Hotel, and the Bauburo, will be retained in its present form for some time to come.

It appears that the Kech Bauburo will be forced to take on several new workers, particularly electricians, as the work load is too heavy for the present complement of help. A new German chief will be employed or appointed from the ranks of the workers now employed, since, after the dismissal of Kupsch, there has been no technical supervision. In the near future, for the sake of good office routine, a new employee must be installed in the Kech Bauburo, as neither Bandtke nor Fuerch will be able to handle the office work. The Karlshorst compound as such will not be given up completely, but, since the major function of the compound as the center of SKK has ceased, it will continue to function primarily as a housing area.

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